

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 605

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lori Horner on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Hillcrest Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Lori Horner is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Horner was recently selected as Teacher of the Year for Hillcrest Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Horner earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Carson-Newman College, and she recently earned an Ed.S. degree in educational administration and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Lori Horner is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Horner has graciously volunteered her time to numerous scholastic efforts, including serving as a workshop trainer for Administering Running Records, DIBELS Progress Monitoring, Administration of Individual Diagnostic Testing, Using the Bookroom and Leveling, Small Group Differentiated Instruction using the Beverly Tyner model, Organizing Literacy Groups, and Using STAR Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, her other leadership roles include serving as a trainer and instructional leader on Thoughtful Classroom Modules, mentor teacher for new staff, former member of the

School Improvement Leadership Team, and member of the Instructional Leadership Team and Data Team; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, for which she helps fund two annual scholarships and volunteers with Toys for Tots, and she volunteers for CEASE, Goodwill, United Way, and the local fire department; and

WHEREAS, her numerous accomplishments aside, Lori Horner is also deeply devoted to her family and she always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Jason, whom she assists with a girls' recreational softball Little League team and a girls' travel softball team known as the Morristown Madness; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Horner truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Lori Horner epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lori Horner on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Hillcrest Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.